

- 1 **1. A double diamond bicycle frame comprising:**
 - 2 a top tube;
 - 3 a seat tube;
 - 4 a down tube;
 - 5 a head tube; and
 - 6 a seat stay-chain stay structure which includes at least one differentially stiff
 - 7 carbon fiber tube that is differentially stiff with regard to bending and twisting.

- 1 **2. The double diamond bicycle frame set forth in claim 1 wherein:**
 - 2 the at least one differentially stiff carbon fiber tube is made using a lay-up which
 - 3 gives greater stiffness with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

- 1 **3. The double diamond bicycle frame set forth in claim 1 wherein:**
 - 2 the seat stay-chain stay structure includes dual seat stays; and
 - 3 both the dual seat stays and the chain stays are made of carbon fiber tubes that are
 - 4 stiffer with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

- 1 **4. The double diamond bicycle frame set forth in claim 3 wherein:**
 - 2 the dual seat stays and the chain stays are made using lay-ups which give greater
 - 3 stiffness with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

- 1 **5. The double diamond bicycle frame set forth in claim 1 wherein:**
 - 2 the seat stay-chain stay structure includes a wishbone seat stay;
 - 3 and
 - 4 the chain stays are carbon fiber tubes made using lay-ups which give greater
 - 5 stiffness with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

- 1 **6. The double diamond bicycle frame set forth in claim 5 wherein:**
 - 2 the handle of the wishbone seat stay is a carbon fiber tube whose cross section is
 - 3 greater in a horizontal direction than in a vertical direction.

1 **7.** A bicycle frame comprising:
 2 a plurality of carbon fiber tubes joined at joints; and
 3 one or more lugs on the joints, a lug being made by
 4 making a lay-up of at least carbon fibers and a matrix material around the
 5 joint,
 6 applying a mold to the tubes and laid-up fibers and matrix material, and
 7 curing the lug in the mold, the cure including expansion of an element
 8 enclosed by the mold.

1 **8.** The bicycle frame set forth in claim 7 wherein:
 2 the element is a component of the mold which expands to urge the lay-up against
 3 the tubes.

1 **9.** The bicycle frame set forth in claim 7 wherein:
 2 the element is a component of the lay-up which expands to urge the lay-up against
 3 the tubes and the mold.

1 **10.** The bicycle frame set forth in claim 7 wherein:
 2 the mold has a form such that the lugs taper towards the tubes as the distance from
 3 the joint increases.

1 **11.** A seat stay-chain stay structure for a bicycle frame,
 2 the structure being characterized in that:
 3 the structure includes at least one differentially-stiff carbon fiber tube that is
 4 differentially stiff with regard to bending and to twisting.

1 **12.** The seat stay-chain stay structure set forth in claim 11 wherein:
 2 the at least one differentially stiff carbon fiber tube is made using a lay-up which
 3 gives greater stiffness with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

1 **13.** The seat stay-chain stay structure set forth in claim 11 wherein:

2 the seat stay-chain stay structure includes dual seat stays; and
 3 both the dual seat stays and the chain stays are made of carbon fiber tubes that are
 4 stiffer with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

1 **14.** The seat stay-chain stay structure set forth in claim 13 wherein:
 2 the dual seat stays and the chain stays are made using lay-ups which give greater
 3 stiffness with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

1 **15.** The seat stay-chain stay structure set forth in claim 11 wherein:
 2 the seat stay-chain stay structure includes a wishbone seat stay; and
 3 the chain stays are carbon fiber tubes made using lay-ups which give greater
 4 stiffness with regard to bending than with regard to twisting.

16. The seat stay-chain stay structure set forth in claim 15 wherein:
 the handle of the wishbone seat stay is a carbon fiber tube with a cross section
 which is greater in the horizontal direction than in the vertical direction.

1 **17.** A method of making lugs for joints in a bicycle frame made of carbon fiber tubes,
 2 the method comprising the steps of:
 3 making a lay-up of at least carbon fibers and a matrix material around the joint,
 4 applying a mold to the tubes and laid-up fibers and matrix material, and
 5 curing the lug in the mold, the cure including expansion of an element enclosed
 6 by the mold.

1 **18.** The method set forth in claim 17 wherein:
 2 the mold is a captured silicon mold; and
 3 in the step of curing the lug in the mold, the cure includes expansion of the
 4 captured silicon.

1 **19.** The method set forth in claim 17 wherein:

2 the step of making the lay-up includes the step of including a layer of expanding
3 foam in the lay-up; and
4 in the step of curing the lug in the mold, the cure includes expansion of the foam.

1 **20.** The method set forth in claim 17 wherein:

2 the step of making a lay-up includes the steps of:
3 wrapping each tube in the joint with a first carbon fiber fabric that is impregnated
4 with the matrix material, the ends of the fabric extending beyond the tube;
5 wrapping the ends of the carbon fiber fabric that is wrapped around a given tube
6 around the tube the given tube joins to;
7 wrapping the entire joint in a second carbon fiber fabric whose fibers have an
8 orientation different from that of the fibers in the first carbon fiber fabric.

1 **21.** The method set forth in claim 20 wherein:

2 the step of making a lay-up further includes the step of:
3 including a layer of expanding foam in the lay-up.

1 **22.** The method set forth in claim 21 wherein:

2 the step of including a layer of expanding foam is performed before the step of
3 wrapping the entire joint in a second carbon fiber fabric.

1 **23.** The method set forth in claim 20 wherein:

2 the step of wrapping the entire joint is done such that all seams in the second
3 carbon fiber fabric are at the top and bottom of the tubes and the second carbon fiber
4 fabric is overlapped at the seams.